

MARYLAND TRAUMA PHYSICIAN SERVICES FUND

Physician Information Bulletin #5

NEWS & NOTES

APPLICATION REVIEW WORKSHOPS PLANNED

This is an opportunity for applicants to bring partially or completed Uncompensated Care and On-call applications for MHCC staff review and guidance.

SUBURBAN HOSPITAL
The Atrium, 2nd floor
April 22nd, 1 – 3pm

MHCC Public Meeting
Room in Baltimore
April 26th, 1 – 3pm

ROBINWOOD MEDICAL CENTER, Room 122
April 28th, 1 – 3pm



◆MHCC to award auditing contract in March 2004 for uncompensated care and on-call application audits to begin in June.

◆**Uncompensated Care & On-Call applications** for services provided between October 1, 2003 & March 31, 2004 can be submitted between April 1st and April 31st.

◆Maryland **Medicaid** paid the first Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund claim in January.

◆**MVA** collected approximately \$6.1 million for the Fund as of February.



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MHCC Policy Guidance

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The Payment Process upon filing an Application

- ◆ MHCC anticipates that it will complete the application review and information processing of an Uncompensated Care or On-call application in approximately 30 days from the application's receipt date. Checks will be issued from the State Comptroller's Office in Annapolis within 30 days from the date MHCC requests a check. Please allow approximately 60 days from the MHCC receipt date to the day a check is issued.

EXAMPLE:

1. MHCC receives Uncompensated Care and On-call applications.
2. For Uncompensated Care applications only – the Commission encourages bundling and submitting an Uncompensated Care application in the following order – faculty practice plan, physician practice, trauma center on behalf of its trauma physicians, and the trauma physician.
3. MHCC reviews the application for completeness.
4. For Uncompensated Care applications only – verification of the trauma patient's admission depends on having the Trauma Registry information available on a timely basis. On-call applications are reviewed on a post payment basis.
5. Payment is calculated by MHCC.
6. MHCC forwards the check request to the General Accounting Services at the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene.
7. State Comptroller's Office in Annapolis issues check to remit address reported on the application.

QUESTION: What should I do if I am unable to complete the collection process for all of the trauma patients I treated during the reporting period for the Uncompensated Care application?

ANSWER: The physician practice or physician should exhaust his/her established collection efforts using their documented collection policies and procedures before submitting the request to the Fund. Please see *Physician Information Bulletin #2* for further guidance on this policy. If you need additional time, please complete your collection efforts and submit this patient account in the next submission period for the Uncompensated Care application.